
SUBJECT: Nonsubstantive revision of laws on mental health, retardation

COMMITTEE: State Affairs: favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 7 ayes — Laney, Seidlits, Crawford, Danburg, Jones, Oakley, Perez.
0 nays
6 absent — Bomer, Cain, Eckels, Gibson, Marchant, Saunders.

WITNESSES: For — none
Against — none
On — Carolyn Hall, Legislative Council

BACKGROUND: The Legislative Council is required by sec. 323 of the Government Code to make nonsubstantive revisions of the state's statutes reclassifying and rearranging the statutes in a more logical order, providing for future expansion and eliminating repealed, invalid, duplicative and other ineffective provisions.

In 1989 the 71st Legislature adopted a new Health and Safety Code but did not include Title 7, which relates to mental health and mental retardation.

DIGEST: HB 902 would incorporate into the Health and Safety Code a new codified Title 7 comprising laws on mental health and mental retardation not previously codified and would add conforming amendments to the Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Human Resources Code, Family Code, Government Code, Health and Safety Code, Local Government Code, VACS art. 2351 (relating to powers of county commissioners courts) and various nonsubstantive corrections and clarifications.

NOTES: The Senate companion bill, SB 403 by Brooks, has been referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.